

Dr. Rosline M. Sumpter



Dr. Rosline Sumpter, a native of Sumter, South Carolina and valedictorian of Crestwood High School, currently serves as Vice President and Chief Academics, Student Affairs & Research Officer for the SC Technical College System, leading statewide initiatives that shape academic quality, student success, and workforce readiness across the System's 16 technical colleges. Known for turning strategy into results, she has forged landmark transfer agreements opening new pathways to four-year degrees, implemented data-sharing partnerships that give colleges timely insights to improve student outcomes, and secured significant increases in funding and technical assistance to strengthen local programs and expand career and technical education opportunities. Her leadership reflects a commitment to collaboration, broadening opportunities, and ensuring every student has a clear, achievable path to their educational and career goals.

An Aspen Rising Presidents Fellow, Dr. Sumpter's commitment to student success is evident through her active leadership in professional organizations and service on numerous academic committees. She also teaches as an adjunct professor at the University of South Carolina and serves as the System Office liaison for the Community College Leadership Alliance, a graduate certificate program offered in partnership with USC's College of Education.

Dr. Sumpter's career bridges both academia and industry, with leadership and instructional roles at the University of Maryland Baltimore County and the University of South Carolina, as well as scientific and project management experience at Roche Pharmaceuticals. This blend of higher education and industry expertise gives her a unique perspective on aligning academic programs with workforce needs. Her honors include the American Association of Women in Community Colleges Top 40 Under 40 recognition and doctoral scholarship, the Jobs for America's Graduates High Performer Award, South Carolina Technical Education Association Staff of the Year, and completion of Leadership South Carolina.

A dedicated scholar and practitioner, Dr. Sumpter holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, a Master of Education in Higher Education and Student Affairs, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Education Administration — all from the University of South Carolina. She is also an active member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.